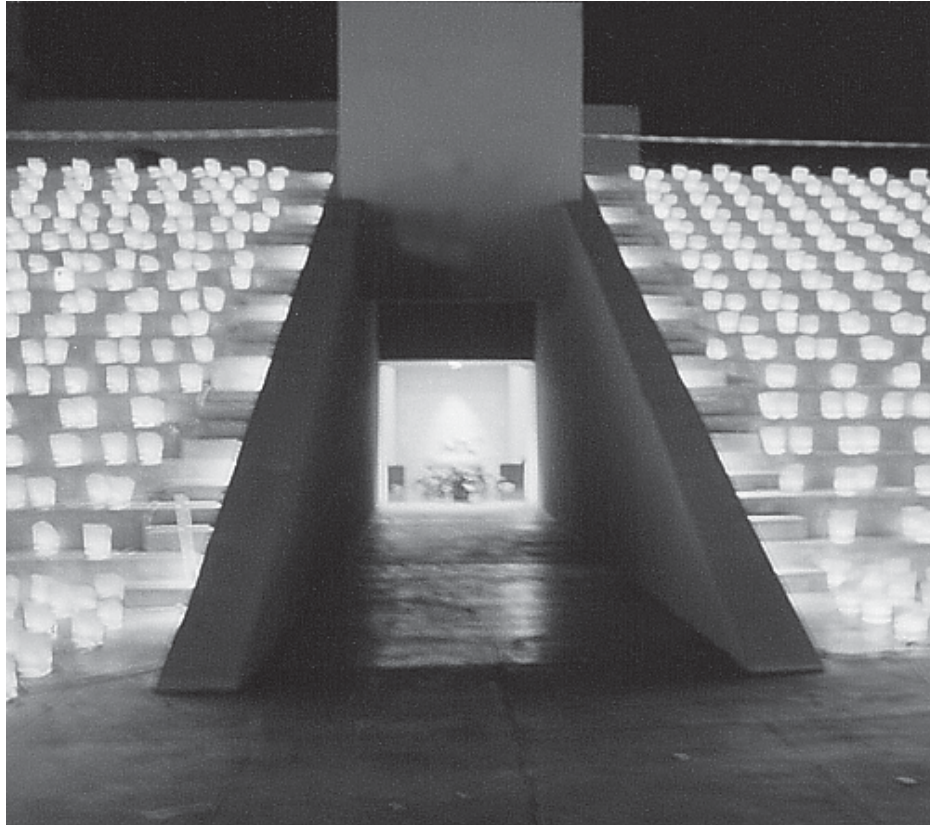


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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS/NEW OFFICERS

The Office of Neighborhood Coordination "welcomes" new presidents of neighborhood associations and says a "special thank you" to outgoing presidents. Thank you for all your hard work and commitment to the improvement of the life-style of your neighborhood.

Neighborhood Association

Academy Estates East
Countrywood Area & HOA
Elder Homestead
Kirtland Community
Los Griegos
Oso Grande
Richland Hills HOA
Snow Heights
Stinson Tower
Sunrise HOA
Tijeras Arroyo

"Welcome" to Incoming President

Jeannette Fantl
Mark Smith
Marian Jordan
Marcia Boyer
Pauline Sargent
James R. Moffitt
Robert Anderson
Mary Glasener
Victor Wyant (new NA)
Andres Anaya
Jay Rodecap (new NA)

"Thanks" to Outgoing President

Norman Bleicher
Ken Johns
Lewis Reif
Vincent Baty
Ida Kelly
Pete Granucci
Sally Lupton
Wayne Baxter

Jimmy Romero

- Academy Estates East Neighborhood Association regained their "Recognized" status on December 5, 2005.
- Ventana Ranch Neighborhood Association regained their "Recognized" status on December 5, 2005.
- Clayton Heights/Lomas Del Cielo Neighborhood Association regained their "Recognized" status on December 8, 2005.

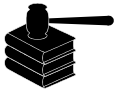
NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION(S)

The *Villages of Parkwest Neighborhood Association* is located in *City Council District 1, Police Beat – 139/WS, County Commission District 1*. The contacts for this association are *John Valdez and Tim Settle*. The *Villages of Parkwest Neighborhood Association* became recognized on 11/17/05. **Welcome Aboard!!**

Just a Reminder: We will need the original Annual Report AND a copy of the announcement of your Annual Meeting submitted to our office **before** your Annual Report will be approved for the year. Please call Dalaina at **924-3906** for further information. Please make sure that you have the correct addresses listed for your officers on your Annual Report. Annual Reports for the following months are due:

October Annual Reports are due:	January 1, 2006
November Annual Reports are due:	February 1, 2006
December Annual Reports are due:	March 1, 2006

ATTENTION: When submitting your yearly Annual Report please mail to our physical street address below:
Planning Department/Office of Neighborhood Coordination
Attention: Dalaina Carmona
600 Second Street NW, Rm. 120 (Basement Level)
Albuquerque, NM 87102



Across The City

Metro Court

Submitted by Janet Blair



Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court To Double Mental Health Court Services



**Senator Pete V. Domenici
Addresses
A Group at Mental Health Court
This Fall As Mental Health
Court Judge Kevin Fitzwater**

Senator Pete V. Domenici has secured \$500,000 in a two-year grant to help fund the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Mental Health Court and other court programs for the mentally ill. The funding was approved by US Senate-House negotiators and has won passage in both houses. It is part of the FY2006 Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill.

"We are absolutely delighted to see this funding coming to what has proven to be a very effective program here at Metropolitan Court," said Chief Judge Judith Nakamura. "We expect the funding will allow us to double the size of mental Health Court and expand other services to the mentally ill. That means we will be able to serve many more mentally ill defendants and provide them with resources they need to keep them from re-offending and cycling through the court system repeatedly." The money is expected to be available in early 2006.

The funding announcement came shortly after Domenici and some of his staff members toured the court and observed the Mental Health Court program late this fall.

"We began this program with almost no funding of any sort," said Judge Kevin Fitzwater, who initiated the court in 2003. "It has shown to be an effective program, a life-changing program for many of the defendants who come into the court. Mental health issues play a crucial role in the behavior of many individuals in the criminal justice system. This will help us address those needs. We are grateful for Senator Domenici's interest in our court."

Mental Health Court defendants are involved in counseling, therapeutic programs and random drug testing. They are intensely supervised by specially trained probation officers and

have one-on-one contact with Judge Fitzwater, who closely monitors their progress through the program, which usually takes a year to complete.

The federal money will also be used to enhance the court's Co-Occurring Disorders Court, presided over by Judge Cristina Jaramillo. Defendants in that program have mental health issues and drug addiction problems.



**EANA President
Silvio Dell'Angela
with
APD Captain Marie Miranda**

News From The Eisenhower Area NA

Prior to the July general membership meeting, President Silvio Dell'Angela presented APD Captain Marie Miranda with a personal letter of thanks and a plaque in recognition of the courage and integrity she displayed earlier this year in exposing the stealing going on in the evidence room. The plaque contained a famous saying by

Theodore Roosevelt also commending the courage of "those in the arena" who are often criticized for doing what is right. Whistleblowers are routinely retaliated against for doing what is expected of them - Captain Miranda was no exception. When making the presentation Silvio stated, "I wanted to speak for the many within this neighborhood and City that are very proud of her and hoped what she did would be an example for all public servants." City Council President Brad Winter and David Steele, two candidates for Mayor who spoke at the July meeting, commended Captain Miranda and also EANA for making the award.

Attention Neighborhood Associations!

The **Tricentennial Committee** announces a contest for the Tricentennial Festival of Illumination.

If your "recognized" neighborhood association will be participating, in an organized way and submit the total number of luminarias that your association is successful in displaying, therefore adding to Albuquerque's overall effort for a Guinness Book record on December 24, 2005, your association will be considered for a prize.

First prize:	\$1,500	Third prize:	\$500
Second prize:	\$1,000	Fourth prize:	\$250

To participate, you must complete and submit/return the **Luminaria Pledge Card** found on our website at <<http://www.albuquerque300.org/index.aspx?pk=153&temp=28>>

Registration Deadline:

Wednesday, December 21, 2005, 5 p.m.

The winner will be determined by the Office of Neighborhood Coordination in consultation with the Tricentennial Committee. If you have questions, contact Elaine Fiber, Chairman of the Festival of Illumination; email <efiber@aol.com> or phone at **263-1445**.



NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

ACROSS FENCE

2005 Holiday Happenings

Submitted by Stephani Winklepleck

T'was the night before Christmas and all throughout Albuquerque, not a creature was stirring not even a Mouse! The city was busy preparing for the holiday season with the following neighborhood association's participating in these holiday events:

The **McKinley Neighborhood Association** is hosting its Third Annual Christmas Balloon Glow. The festivities will take place on Saturday, December 17 and will include luminarias, hot air balloons and Santa Claus.

The **Eisenhower Area Neighborhood Association** will hold their annual holiday house decorating contest. Dion's will be one of their sponsors.

The **Laurelwood Neighborhood Association** will be decorating Christmas trees with lights and ornaments at the entrance on Laurelwood Parkway NW and Ladera Street NW. They will have over 1000 luminarias at all three entrances.

This year the **Antelope Run Neighborhood** will have Secret Santa fun and on December 17, they will have an appetizer/dessert and caroling night for the entire neighborhood.

The **Princess Jeanne Neighborhood Association**, in conjunction with the APD Foothills Subdivision and the staff at the Jeanne Bellamah Community Center will hold a "Meet Santa" celebration youth party on December 19 at the Jeanne Bellamah Community Center. There will be treats, gifts, games and pictures taken with Santa for all who attend.

The **Snow Heights Neighborhood Association** will be having a Lighting Contest. Prizes will be awarded to the top three residences and an honorable mention for the most decorated houses.

Nor Este Neighborhood Association will have Christmas Lights illuminating their neighborhood on Christmas Eve.

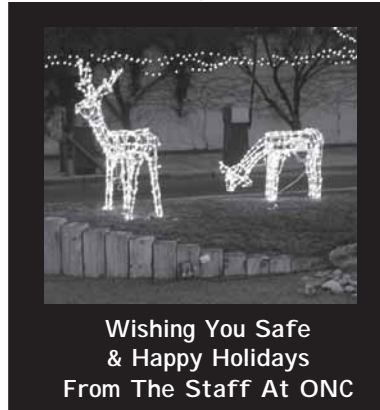
The **Hodgin Neighborhood Association** will be holding their Neighborhood Holiday Brunch with a guest appearance by Trish Hoffman to give them tips on "how not to become a holiday crime victim." The neighborhood will also be trying to boost involvement as possible in the Festival of Illumination.

The **Barelas Neighborhood Association** and the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Youth Group will be hosting the 60th Annual Las Posadas de Barelas on Saturday, December 17. Join the procession and reenact with us the journey of Maria and Jose as they travel through the streets of Barelas, in search of shelter and a place for Jesus to be born. Following the

Posadas all are welcomed back to the Barelas Community Center for the Fiesta de Navidad with free biscochitos and hot cocoa. There will be entertainment and Jolly Old Saint Nicholas.

The **West Bluff Neighborhood Association** will sponsor a Christmas decoration/lighting contest. Prize money for first and second place.

Pat Hurley Neighborhood Association is having a Christmas Party with Santa, gifts and refreshment for the children at the Pat Hurley Community Center.



Many neighborhood associations will be involved with the **Tricentennial Festival of Illumination**. We have received word that the following neighborhood associations will be having luminarias gracing their neighborhoods:

Boyd's-Leslie Park Neighborhood Association's main entrance to the neighborhood is at Marla/Montgomery NE. They expect to decorate with over 500 luminarias that will illuminate their entire neighborhood.

The **South Los Altos Park Neighborhood Association**, located by Copper/Eubank/Wyoming/Central NE, will be hosting their first luminaria display in conjunction with the Festival of Illumination.

Santa Barbara-Martineztown Association will be setting up approximately 2,120 luminarias from Edith/Lomas NE north to Edith/Odelia/Indian School Road NE. This project was started over 10 years ago with just two families starting this tradition in the neighborhood and today the same two families are continuing this tradition. A drive through the Mt. Calvary Cemetery after 9 p.m. is very beautiful. Luminarias grace the grave sites.

The **Alamosa Neighborhood Association** will be having their Christmas Eve luminaria display in their community. They will be displaying 2,000 luminarias along Gonzales SW/Old Coors SW/New Coors SW/Bataan SW.

The **Sawmill Area Neighborhood Association**, located by Mountain Road NW/Rio Grande Boulevard NW, will be having their annual luminaria display and contest. The neighborhood will be giving a couple of prizes for distinctly creative or outstanding displays in the neighborhood.

The **Riverview Heights Neighborhood Association** puts on a terrific luminaria display for Christmas Eve. This association is located north of Central NW on Atrisco NW.

Palomas Park Neighborhood Association located at the corner of Wyoming/Palomas Park NE will be displaying 400 luminarias in their neighborhood on Christmas Eve.

The **Southeast Heights Neighborhood Association** traditionally has a luminaria display along Carlisle/Ridgecrest/Hyder Park SE and much of the streets in-between. Christmas Eve is quite spectacular in this neighborhood.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



Herb Howell

From The Manager's Desk

by Herb Howell

HO! HO! HO!

A time for seasonal reflection is never out of fashion. "What do you want for Christmas" is the common theme. The commercial side has not escaped us as the rush to the malls has already begun, while the stores opened the day after Thanksgiving.

It is so much more honorable to give than receive, we are told. Kids don't get that full message until much later in life. Have you got your Christmas list handy? I would like you to add a few words about what you plan to give to your community in the coming weeks and well during next year.

Neighborhood associations thrive and survive based on the giving of time and a little bit of money, which not much more than annual neighborhood association dues at most. Without volunteers who are willing to serve on committees, help organize events, run for an office or be the President, neighborhood associations will not survive as they are today. Often I hear long time officers and community leaders talk about how they would like to be able to step down, after years of service, but are afraid that if they do, there will be no one to replace them.

Part of the long term task of any leader, manager, coach, or Neighborhood Association President is to anticipate the day when you will no longer hold that position. What are you doing now to recruit and train your replacement? Recruitment is a vital task for every member of a neighborhood association. Does your neighbor belong? Do they pay their dues or run for office? Maybe you can be the one to get someone else involved and thereby create your replacement. In this vein, you might be able to give as well as receive. Novel idea!

Recruitment to bolster your neighborhood association membership should receive a big push in the coming year. We have many new city counselors and perhaps you can connect with people who have "an ear" to the new representatives from your district. Look for new ways to solve old problems.

The biggest opportunity for volunteers right now is the current openings for major Land Use Boards and Commissions. The Environmental Planning Commission, the Landmarks Commission, and the Board of Appeals are all seeking new members for Mayoral Appointments. If you feel qualified and have the interest, please contact Tony Pedroncelli at the Mayor's office at **768-3000** or Margaret Garcia at **924-3936** for further details. This might be just the opportunity you have been waiting for!



Neighborhood Workshop Corner

Effective Officers Training Workshop

Tuesday, January 17, 2006

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Plaza Del Sol Hearing Room

This workshop is a combination version of our "President/Vice President's and Board Training Workshops". Our staff will help you anticipate problems/issues in your neighborhood. Our intention is to provide the tools, skill development and problem solving activities to make you better leaders of meetings and a more proficient problem solver in your neighborhood.

Land Use and Zoning Workshop

Saturday, January 21, 2006

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Plaza Del Sol Hearing Room

This completely revised workshop is designed to increase your knowledge and understanding of all the aspects of

the Zoning and Housing Codes, land use Matters, Facilitation Issues at the various hearing boards as they relate to neighborhood areas. We utilize the Planning Department division managers, senior staff members and other Department staff to provide this informative training on how the Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC) works with each hearing board and neighborhood associations on various projects.

Effective Meetings Workshop

Tuesday, February 21, 2006

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Plaza Del Sol Hearing Room

Conducting effective meetings begins well before the meeting date. Prior to the meeting the leader sets the agenda, establishes goals for the meeting, reviews past minutes...At the meeting the leader runs the meeting by sticking to the set agenda...After the meeting the evaluation takes place, did we follow the agenda...This is but a brief outline of what will be covered at this workshop—come prepared to discuss and share what makes your meetings successful.



News From Elder Homestead

Buyer Beware!

The Elder Homestead Association was made aware of some fliers that were left at homes around the neighborhood concerning painting or spraying house numbers on the curb for a charge of \$20.00. The flyer stated this information in such a manner that made it sound like the association had okayed this project or perhaps even pay for this service - which they did **NOT**. Use caution when approached for services such as this. When in doubt, call your association board members.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



A Message From The Mayor

Mayor Martin J. Chávez

Living With Asthma

For persons with asthma, major air passages to the lungs called bronchi become sensitive and easily irritated. Triggers such as smoke, pollen, dust, air pollution, allergies, or other irritants can cause the breathing tubes to become so swollen that breathing in and out becomes extremely difficult.

Symptoms of asthma include wheezing, shortness of breath, and chest tightness during the day or night. Asthma is one of the most common chronic illnesses among children and the elderly. Children have higher breathing rates than adults and are more active, increasing the impacts of asthma.

It is estimated that 5.8 million American children from 4 to 18 years of age are currently afflicted with the disease. Asthma can also be especially serious among the elderly because it is often accompanied by other lung ailments like bronchitis and emphysema.

Asthma is a highly controllable disease when properly treated but recent evidence suggests that, of the 20 million Americans suffering from this disease, 11 million of them do not have the disease under control despite existing guidelines for the diagnosis and management of the disease.

Findings from one of the Nation's largest and most comprehensive surveys about children and asthma suggest that a communications gap exists between parents and their children about the child's state of health.

Parents assume that their child is fine because he or she doesn't complain. Children don't know that coughing and wheezing isn't normal and neglect to inform their parents of the problem. The result is that nothing gets done to help the child.

The simple truth is that millions of adults and children are not effectively controlling their asthma. This results in missed school days and missed work, more emergency room visits, more hospitalizations and life-threatening asthma attacks.

To educate parents of children with asthma, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in partnership with the Ad Council, has a public awareness campaign featuring tips to help parents help their children.

For more information about asthma, call **1-866-NOATTACKS** or point your browser to:

<http://www.noattacks.org>.

More information about asthma and its triggers and treatments is also available on EPA's website at:

<http://www.epa.gov/asthma>.

And you can visit the American Lung Association's website at <http://www.lungusa.org> for comprehensive and up-to-date information about asthma.

Most importantly, talk to your child. Ask questions about his or her state of health. Watch and listen for the signs of asthma as your child engages in rigorous activities like strenuous play. If you suspect that your child may be suffering from asthma, consult your medical professionals for advice and treatment.

Proper asthma education for parents coupled with better communication between kids and their parents could go a long way toward controlling this dangerous disease. Remember! Wheezing is not normal.

And though we at the municipal level have taken successful steps to improve air quality in recent years, I realize there is much more that can and must be done to give us the kind of air where we can all breathe a lot easier. More on this topic in an upcoming column.

Happy Holidays!

Human Rights Board

The Albuquerque Human Rights Board Accepting Annual Neil Isbin Scholarship Applications For Senior High School Students

The Albuquerque Human Rights Office is currently accepting scholarship applications for this year's Neil Isbin scholarship, a \$1,000 award that will be made to a senior high school student from an Albuquerque public, private, or alternative high school who has been active in the area of human rights and human dignity.

The student must be enrolled or be enrolling in an accredited university or college. The deadline for submitting scholarship applications is **Monday, March 6, 2006**.

Scholarship in Memory of Long Time Activist

Herb and Kathie Isbin established the scholarship trust fund named in memory of their son, Neil Isbin, who died in 1996 of AIDS at the age of 46. Neil Isbin was a long time human rights activist who worked tirelessly for equality and justice for gay and lesbian rights, affordable health care for all New Mexicans, tax fairness for working families, and public employee collective bargaining.

The scholarship recipient must be enrolled or be enrolling at an accredited university or college. The scholarship award will be made in both the name of the student and the university or college of the student's choice.

How to Apply for the Scholarship

High school seniors interested in applying for the 2006 Neil Isbin Scholarship may call Dolores Crollett or write the Albuquerque Human Rights Office for a copy of the scholarship criteria. The mailing address of the **Albuquerque Human Rights Office** is **P.O. Box 1293, Albuquerque, NM 87103**, and its phone numbers are **924-3380, 924-3372** (fax) and **800-659-8331** (NM Relay). Students may also request the scholarship criteria by e-mailing Dolores Crollett at dcrollett@cabq.gov.

City Council

Council staff may be reached at **768-3100**. The agenda for an upcoming council meeting may be checked by calling **768-3100** after 1 p.m. on the Friday immediately prior to the council meeting. The City Council's fax number is **768-3227**. Agendas, Action Items and Summaries are available on the Council's webpage at www.cabq.gov/council/counsched.html.

A Message From Your City Council

Three new Councilors have joined Albuquerque's City Council as a result of the municipal election held on October 4, 2005 and the District 9 run-off election held on November 15, 2005.

City Councilor Ken Sanchez, elected to represent Albuquerque's City Council District One, was born and raised in Albuquerque. He attended West Mesa High school, the College of Santa Fe, the University of New Mexico, the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and the Norris School of Real Estate. From 1995-2002 he served as Bernalillo County Commissioner and has also served as chairman of the Bernalillo County Board of Finance, as Chairman of the Urban Transportation Planning Policy Board; chairman of the City/County Government Commission; chairman of the Extraterritorial Land Use Authority; member of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Water Authority.

As City Councilor, he hopes to focus on three main issues: public safety, infrastructure and growth. To ensure public safety, he believes that communication with neighborhoods should be direct and open. He also plans to advocate for an increase in staffing in police and fire departments to produce proactive measures of protection. He plans to address effective and efficient regional planned growth through working hard to provide safe streets, parks, multi-modal transportation and schools.

Councilor Sanchez operates an accounting firm on West Central. He is also the President of Ken Sanchez and Associates Realty and enjoys spending his free time with his two children and granddaughter, Natalie.

City Councilor Isaac Benton, representing District Three, has made his home in neighborhoods throughout the district for twenty-nine years. Prior to that, he grew up in Puerto Rico where he became fluent in Spanish. Councilor Benton was educated at Methodist schools, graduating from high school in 1969. He attended Emory University for two years, studying liberal arts, science, and history. He received a Bachelors of Fine Arts and of Architecture from

Rhode Island School of Design, specializing in housing, social projects, and energy efficiency. He came to Albuquerque through a Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA) position at the University of New Mexico. Afterward he became a licensed architect and contractor, worked for several prominent Albuquerque architecture firms (specializing in educational, public and housing projects), began his own architecture practice and at one point served as President of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) of New Mexico.

As Councilor, Benton plans to advocate sensible water sensible water policy for conservation and maintaining water quality, to pursue locally-based economic development and to design safe streets for pedestrians, bicyclists, and automobiles. He also plans to increase police patrols in the neighborhoods, including bicycle patrols, to carefully evaluate our current zoning and planning policies, to support infill and redevelopment of our commercial corridors and to maintain affordability of infill housing in his district. He hopes to accomplish each of these goals with the full participation of neighborhoods throughout District Three.

He is married and has a stepdaughter who is a community planner, and a stepson who is a college student. He enjoys live music, bicycling, and hiking in the Bosque and mountains of New Mexico.

City Councilor Don Harris, elected to represent District Nine, graduated with honors from the University of Connecticut School of Law and has since garnered a wide variety of government and legal experience. He was a New Mexico Assistant Attorney General for several years and also served as a DWI hearing officer in license revocation hearings. For two years he served as Assistant City Attorney representing the Albuquerque Police Department and also worked with the City's Safe City Strike Force on land use matters. He currently has his own law practice.

As Councilor, Harris hopes to focus on a three point plan, including increasing officer numbers and presence in our neighborhoods, fully staffing our police department and giving them the equipment they need. He also hopes to revitalize East Central using incentives to recruit high tech-

nology companies and industry to the area. Lastly, he plans to work closely with neighborhood associations to strengthen their communication with each other and with law enforcement officials. The success of these goals, in his opinion, will lead to a Renaissance in District 9 as a "Shining District on the Hill."

Councilor Harris has been a resident of Albuquerque for nearly 15 years. He and his wife, Amy have three children and one foster child who they are in the process of adopting. All of his children were born in Albuquerque and two are currently enrolled in Grant Middle School and Collette Park Elementary. He volunteers as a soccer coach and referee and also volunteers in many capacities within his neighborhoods and in his children's schools and their neighborhoods. His wife, Amy, is a hospice and oncology nurse.




Re-elected to their Council seats in 2005 are Councilor Michael Cadigan, District 5 and Councilor Sally Mayer, District 7.

Following are the Councilor/Constituent Services Staff assignments for the 17th Council:

District 1	Ken Sanchez
Patricia Galindo	768-3136
District 2	Debbie O'Malley
Kelly Sanchez-Pare	768-3159
District 3	Isaac Benton
Javier Benavidez	768-3152
District 4	Brad Winter
Diana Trujeque	768-3101
District 5	Michael Cadigan
Diana Trujeque	768-3101
District 6	Martin Heinrich
Javier Benavidez	768-3152
District 7	Sally Mayer
Patricia Galindo	768-3136
District 8	Craig Loy
Michael McCan	768-3106
District 9	Don Harris
Michael McCan	768-3106

Please call the Constituent Services Staff if you have any questions, issues or concerns or if you would like to reach your City Councilor.

Seasons Greetings

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Monday, December 19 •City Council – 5 p.m.	Wednesday, January 4 •AAB – 9 a.m. •DRB – 9 a.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m.	Tuesday, January 17 •GARTC – 4:30 p.m. •ZHE – 9 a.m.	Tuesday, January 24 •BOA – 9 a.m.
Tuesday, December 20 •BOA – 9 a.m. •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.	Monday, January 9 •GABAC – 4:30 p.m. •SWAN – 6:30 p.m.	Wednesday, January 18 •ADC – 3 p.m. •City Council – 5 p.m. •DRB – 9 a.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.	Wednesday, January 25 •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m.
Wednesday, December 21 •DRB – 9 a.m. •ADC – 3 p.m.	Wednesday, January 11 •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •AQCB – 5:15 p.m.	Thursday, January 19 •EPC – 8:30 a.m.	Thursday, January 26 •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.
Monday, December 26 City Offices Closed	Thursday, January 12 •GWPAB – 8:30 a.m. •TAB – 9 a.m. •EPC Study Session – 4 p.m. •POC – 4 p.m. •SVCNA – 6:30 p.m.		
Wednesday, December 28 •EPC – Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m.			
Happy New Year!			

2005/2006 CALENDAR LEGEND

AAB - Airport Advisory Board, Aviation Department Executive Conference Room, **244-7700**
ACTMI - Advisory Committee on Transit for the Mobility Impaired - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE, **764-8932**
ADC - Albuquerque Development Commission - Hearing Room, Basement Level, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW
AQCB - Air Quality Control Board, Council Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
BOA - Board of Appeals, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second St. NW
City Council - Council/Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
District 4 Coalition - Cherry Hills Library, 6901 Barstow NE
District 6 Coalition - Cesar Chavez Community Center, 7505 Kathryn SE
District 7 Coalition - Sandia High School, Teacher's Lounge, 7801 Candelaria NE
District 8 Coalition - James Joseph Dwyer Memorial Substation, 12700 Montgomery NE
DRB -Development Review Board, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW, Basement Level
EPC - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW, Basement Level
EPC Pre-Hearing - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Third Fl. Conf. Room
EPC Study Session - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW, Third Fl. Conf. Room
GABAC - Greater Albuquerque Bicycling Advisory Committee, City Hall, Room 302, **768-2680**
GARTC - Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee - Locations vary, call **768-5308** for information
GWPAB - Ground Water Protection Advisory Board - Room 302 City/County Building, 400 Marquette NW
LEPC - Local Emergency Planning Committee - 11510 Sunset Gardens SW, **833-7300** or <www.lepcabqbernc.org> for more information
LUCC - Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW, Basement Level
North Valley Coalition - Los Griegos Multi-Service Center, 1231 Candelaria NW
POC - Police Oversight Commission, City/County Building, Lower Level, 1 Civic Plaza, 5th and Marquette
SEPC - **Special Event Permitting Committee** - 6th floor, Cultural Services Department Conference Room, City Hall, 5th and Marquette
SVCNA - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhoods Associations - South Valley BSCO Sheriff's Substation, 2039 Isleta SW.
SWAN - South West Alliance of Neighborhoods, Alamosa Multi-Service Center, 6900 Gonzales SW
TAB - Transit Advisory Board - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE, **764-6121**
Westside Coalition - Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina NW
ZHE - Zoning Hearing Examiner, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second St. NW

EPC Hearing Notice

Publication of EPC hearing notices in the *Albuquerque Journal* will now occur on the **Wednesday - 22 days prior** to the public hearing on the **3rd Thursday of the month**. The hearing notice includes the time, place and date of the hearing along with a brief description of each application on the agenda. Previously, hearing notices were published 15 days before the public hearing. The reason for this change is to meet the advertising requirements for EPC study sessions which occur on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Rather than advertising the hearing and study session separately, a single notice will be prepared to advertise both. Contact the Planning Department at **924-3860** if you have questions.

Neighborhood Alert – Be aware that public comments at EPC Meetings have a time limitation due to the length of the EPC Hearings. The **48-Hour Rule of the EPC**: All written materials and other documents shall be submitted to the Planning Dept. no later than **9 a.m.** on the **Tuesday** of the Public Hearing week. For an Appeal Hearing – no communication with EPC is allowed within five days of the Public Hearing.

In order to make maximum use of the following information please note:

- Scan the entire list to see if your neighborhood association has a case this month.
- The name and phone number of the developer/agent is listed so that you can easily contact them should you have any questions.
- The assigned staff planner is identified with each agenda item should you need additional information (i.e., check on the actual placement of your case on the agenda). All staff may be reached at **924-3860**.
- On the day of the Hearing, call Planning at **924-3860** and the receptionist will give you the status of the Hearing.
- Staff reports are available at the Planning Office beginning at **3 p.m.** on the **Thursday** prior to the EPC Hearing.

On the 2nd Thursday of each month, the EPC has a Study Session to review the applications scheduled for the all-day public hearing which occurs on the **3rd Thursday of each month**. As with the Public Hearing, **the public is invited** to attend the Study Sessions; however, Study Sessions do not provide an open forum. Discussion is limited to staff and the EPC. Study Sessions regularly begin at **4 p.m.** in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room. Please call the Planning Department at **924-3860** to confirm the Study Session schedule as adjustments are made occasionally.

Please note that the **Pre-Hearing Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, December 28, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday, January 19, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.** in the Plaza del Sol (basement) Hearing Room for the following cases:

Citywide

All Neighborhoods; 05EPC-01800, Project #1001620; The Planning Department of the City of Albuquerque, is proposing a Zoning Code Text Amendment for amending Sections 14-16-2-16(B) and 14-16-2-17(B) ROA 1994, portions of the Zoning Code, to delete Dwelling Units from the list of Conditional Uses permitted in the C-1 Neighborhood Commercial and C-2 Community Commercial Zones; Russell Brito at **924-3337**.

Northwest

Avalon and Westgate Heights (neighborhood association); 05EPC-01234, Project #1004354 (case #'s); Approximately nine (9) acre(s) located on the northeast corner of 98th Street NW between Central Avenue NW and Volcano Road NW (**location of request**); K-9 (**zone atlas page #**); Tierra West, LLC at **858-3100**, agent for Acre Partners (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision to develop the site for a proposed retail shops and sit-down restaurants (**action requested**); Stephanie Shumsky at **924-3933 (city staff planner)**.

Ladera West; 05EPC-01804, Project #1001932; Approximately two (2) acre(s) located on the southwest corner of Ouray Road NW between Unser Boulevard NW and Twin Oaks Drive NW; G-10; JLS Architects at **246-0870**, agent for Care Givers of Albuquerque; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed forty-five (45) bed, dining facilities, an outdoor central courtyard and additional exterior courtyards for a proposed "*Twin Oaks Assisted Living Facility*"; Catalina Lehner at **924-3935**.

Los Volcanes and S.R. Marmon; 05EPC-01806, Project #1003239; Approximately three (3) acre(s) located on the south side of Iliff Road NW between 64th Street NW and Coors Boulevard NW; H-10; Mark Goodwin and Associates, P.A. at **828-2200**, agent for Roemer/Haskins, LC; Requests approval of a EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed 103,700 square feet of self storage and related uses which includes eight (8) buildings including the main three (3) story building; David Stallworth at **924-3940**.

Paradise Hills Civic and Eagle Ranch; 05EPC-01812 and 01813, Project #1003105; Approximately seven (7) acres located on the east side of Eagle Ranch Road NW between Paradise Boulevard NW and Irving Boulevard NW; C-13; Mark Goodwin and Associates, P.A. at **828-2200**, agent for Alpha Equities, LLC; Requests approval of a EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit and Subdivision for a proposed forty-two (42) single family lots; Stephanie Shumsky at **924-3933**.

Southwest

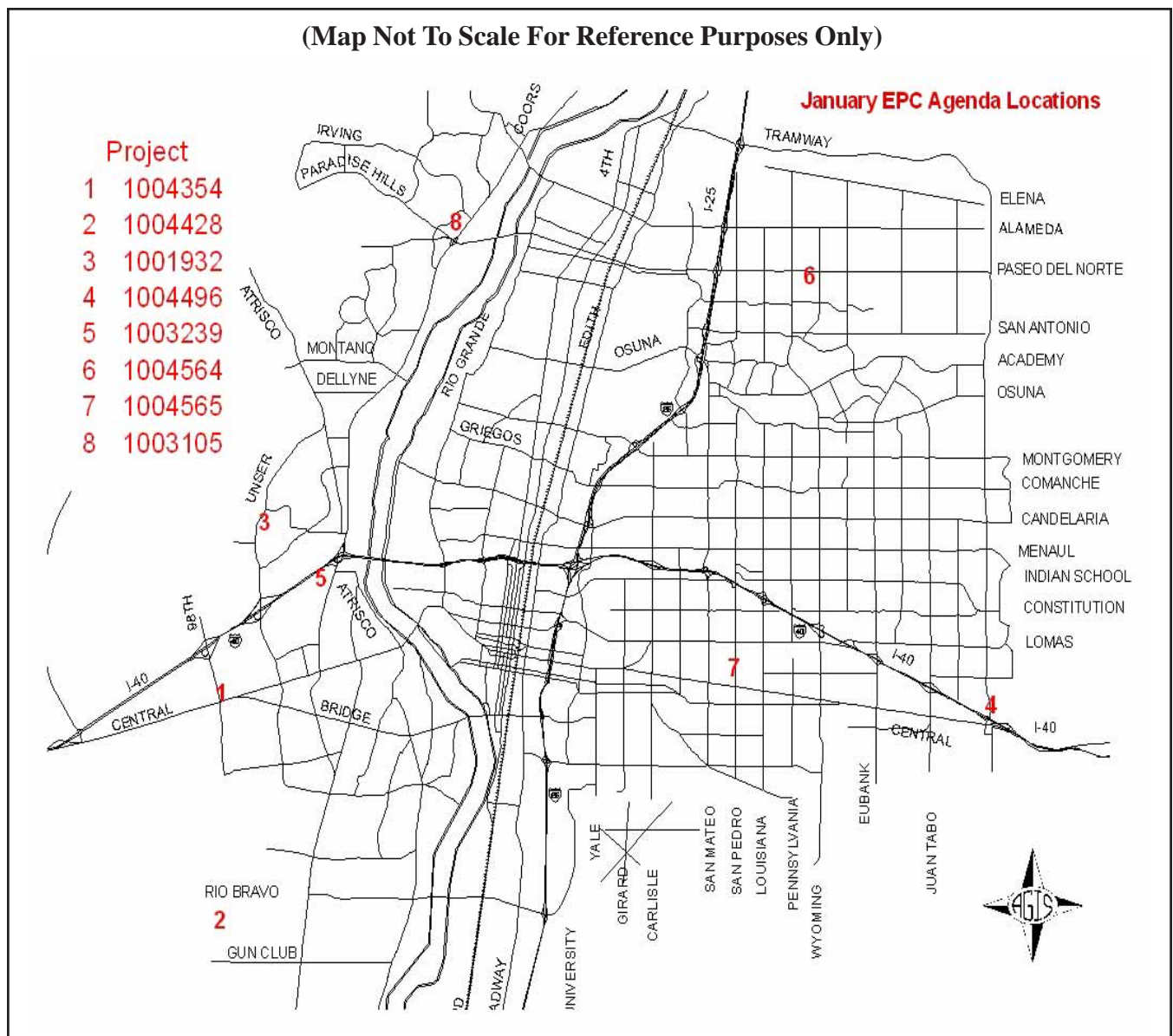
No Association(s); 05EPC-01802, Project #1004428; Approximately ten (10) acre(s) located on the south side of Dennis Chavez Boulevard SW between 118th Street SW and 98th Street SW; P-9; Mark Goodwin and Associates, P.A. at **828-2200**, agent for Albuquerque Rio Bravo Partners (Bill Allen); Requests approval of an Zone Map Amendment from R-LT to R-2 for seventy-five (75) single family homes; David Stallworth at **924-3940**.

Northeast

Embudo Canyon, Supper Rock; 05EPC-01805, Project #1004496; Approximately four (4) acre(s) located on the east side of Tramway Boulevard NE between Skyline Road NE and Encantado Road NE; K-23; Garcia/Kraemer and Associates at **242-5566**, agent for Tramway Associates, Inc.; Requests approval of a Zone Map Amendment from C-1 to RT for a proposed twenty-eight (28) residential townhouse units; Stephanie Shumsky at **924-3933**.

Countrywood Area, Heritage Hills, Nor Este and North Wyoming; 05EPC-01807 and 01808, Project #1004564; Approximately four (4) acre(s) located on the north side of Palomas Avenue NE between Barstow Street NE and Wyoming Boulevard NE; D-19; Issacson and Arfman at **268-8828**, agent for Roemer/Haskins, LC; Requests approval of EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit for a proposed one hundred eighteen (118) Suite Retirement Residence for Seniors; Carmen Marrone at **924-3814**.

Fair West; 05EPC-01811, 01809, 01810, Project #1004565; Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on east side of Cagua Drive NE between Nambe Road NE and Copper Avenue NE; K-18; DAC Enterprises, Inc. at **294-5243**, agent for Andrew Tricarico; Requests approval of a EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit and Subdivision and a Zone Map Amendment from RL-T to SU-1 for PRD for a proposed seven (7) townhouses on individually platted lots; Catalina Lehner at **924-3935**.



CITY SCOOP

News From City Departments

APD

Submitted by Detective Jay Barnes <jbarnes@cabq.gov>,
Child Exploitation Detail
Neighborhood Patrol Training Director

An Important Message From APD

Neighborhood Patrol Tidbits for December 2005

Remember the safety items you learned in the Neighborhood Patrol Training Class, including your observation skills. If you're seeing everything around you, you'll avoid driving into bad situations and nobody can sneak up on you. This is a good safety tool for your personal life as well. But if you don't practice this skill it will not improve.

While doing your patrols keep the kids in mind and make a few trips to the neighborhood school. Using those handy observation skills you've practiced, report any suspicious behavior to your base station and if warranted, call the police.

Keep in mind that during this time of year some people are celebrating by using alcohol. Unfortunately some of those people will choose to drive afterwards. Please drive defensively and be safe.

Also, a reminder that both the state and the city provide information that can benefit Neighborhood Associations, including the names and locations of registered sex offenders. This information is so that people will be aware of people and situations around them. It is not designed for, nor is it intended for the harassment of any individual. Recently a flyer was posted claiming that a particular individual was under investigation and even named an Albuquerque Police Department detective to be contacted along with a phone number. The detective named does not have a case on this man and the phone number is the personal number of a different detective. Also, the name listed on this flyer could not be confirmed as being that of a "convicted male child molester." Please don't let this type of inappropriate behavior come from your organization.



APD Crime Prevention

505-924-3600

Submitted by Steve Sink

Residential Burglary

Residential and commercial burglary rates have gradually decreased over the last few years due to a number of cooperative efforts by our citizens and APD. Neighborhood associations and other community groups have done a tremendous job of educating residents and supporting the concepts advocated by the Crime Prevention Unit. Consider the following information to prevent break-ins as well as ways to retrieve any lost or stolen property.

Establish trusted relationships with neighbors on your block. Agree to watch out for each other and report any suspicious activity in and around your home.

Evaluate your existing lighting and pay particular attention to access points such as entry/exit doors and windows. Make sure that each area has adequate illumination so that your neighbors can see any suspicious activity occurring on your property. Consider adding motion sensors to lights in remote areas.

Each door should be metal or solid core with a deadbolt lock that includes a minimum 1" throw. Short strike plate screws should be replaced with 3-4" screws that secure the plate into the doorframe. Doors should also be equipped with 180-degree eye viewers.

Trim all bushes and shrubs below the window level and up from the ground. Trim mature trees up to a level 6-8 feet above ground. Eliminate hiding places or areas that prohibit someone the opportunity to enter through a window without being noticed.

All primary window locks should be in place and fully operational. Install secondary thumbscrew locks on guide rails. Place them in a location that prohibits the window from being opened more than a few inches. Also, make sure screens are in place and secure. (Note: Windows are common illegal entry points.)

Install screws in the upper rail of sliding glass doors. Place them just far enough into the rail to prohibit the door from being lifted and removed. Dowel rods and "charley bars" are secondary methods to secure the door, but make sure the primary locking device is operational.

Organize a Neighborhood Watch program for your block - call APD Crime Prevention at **924-3600** for details.

Operation ID: Record the make, model, serial number, value, and any other distinguishing features of all valuable property in your home. Store this information in a secure location like a safety deposit box, with a trusted friend or family member. A video recording of the items is also recommended. Engrave a number on the back of each item that is significant to you and place the number on your record sheet.

(Note: Do not use your social security number to eliminate identity theft). Stolen property is often recovered and in the absence of an engraved number, you have no proof the items are yours. The recorded items can also assist with insurance claims.

Office of Emergency Management

*Submitted by Brian Fields,
Emergency Management Planner*

Albuquerque Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

What would you do in the event your neighborhood suffered a major incident? Would you know how to respond to help your neighbors, friends and even your own family members? Albuquerque now has such a program that trains people in neighborhoods, the workplace and schools in basic disaster response skills, like fire suppression, urban search and rescue and medical operations. It helps them take a more active role in emergency preparedness.

What is CERT? The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

How Does CERT benefit the Albuquerque community?

People who go through CERT training have a better understanding of the potential threats to their home, workplace and community and can take the right steps to lessen the effects of these hazards on themselves, their homes or workplace. If a disaster happens that overwhelms local response capability, CERT members can apply the training learned in the classroom and during exercises to give critical support to their family, loved ones, neighbors or associates in their immediate area until help arrives. When help does arrive, CERTs provide useful information to responders and support their efforts, as directed, at the disaster site. CERT members can also assist with non-emergency projects that improve the safety of the community. CERTs have been used to distribute and/or install smoke alarms, replace smoke alarm batteries in the home of elderly, distribute disaster education material, provide services at special events, such as parades, sporting events, concerts and more.

Why take the CERT training? Albuquerque prepares for everyday emergencies. However, there can be an emergency or disaster that can overwhelm the community's immediate response capability. While adjacent jurisdictions, State and Federal resources can activate to help, there may be a delay for them getting to those who need them. The primary reason for CERT training is to give people the decision-making, organizational, and practical skills to offer immediate assistance to family members, neighbors, and associates while waiting for help. While people will respond to others in need without the training, the goal of the CERT program is to help

people do so effectively and efficiently without placing themselves in unnecessary danger.

Who can take the training? Naturals for the training are neighborhood watch, community organizations, communities of faith, school staff, workplace employees, scouting organization and other groups that come together regularly for a common purpose but it's not limited to just those individuals. Anyone desiring to become a CERT certified member and be a part of a CERT team can apply. Remember, CERT skills are useful in disaster and everyday life events.

What will CERT training teach participants? CERT training enhances participant's skills to the community. Instruction includes:

1. Describe the types of hazards most likely to affect their homes and communities.
2. Describe the function of CERT and their roles in immediate response.
3. Take steps to prepare themselves for a disaster.
4. Identify and reduce potential fire hazards in their homes and workplaces.
5. Work as a team to apply basic fire suppression strategies, resources, and safety measures to extinguish a burning liquid.
6. Apply techniques for opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating shock.
7. Conduct triage under simulated conditions.
8. Perform head-to-toe assessments.
9. Select and set up a treatment area.
10. Employ basic treatments for various wounds.
11. Identify planning and size-up requirements for potential search and rescue situations.
12. Describe the most common techniques for searching a structure.
13. Use safe techniques for debris removal and victim extrication.
14. Describe ways to protect rescuers during search and rescue.

If you would like to find out more about the CERT program or information about education and training opportunities, contact the Office of Emergency Management at **505-833-7248**. General information on the CERT Program can be found at <<http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/CERT>>.



Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Authority

Submitted by Patti Watson and John Stomp

**Construction Continues On
San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project**

Construction is well underway on the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water project, which will provide up to 70 percent of the Albuquerque metropolitan area's drinking water in the years to come.

In addition to construction of a new, state-of-the-art water treatment plant at Osuna Road and Chappell Drive NE, crews are continuing to build a diversion dam on the Rio Grande River south of the Alameda Blvd.

Seven different pipelines are also under construction:

Raw Water Pipeline #1

In December, crews will be drilling walls to dewater the area around the project near the Albuquerque Drain, and just north of Paseo del Norte between Rio Grande Blvd. and the Alameda Drain. They will also begin installing revetment and filter fabric along the Drain to make it easier to clean and maintain. An underground tunnel is scheduled to be drilled at Fourth Street at Paseo Del Norte to minimize disruption to traffic. Also, crews will begin installing pipeline along the Albuquerque Drain.

West Valley Pipeline

Crews began work on this pipeline last month. In December, they will continue installing pipeline along the Alameda Drain, from west of 12th Street to the Griegos Drain.

In addition to constructing a pipeline to carry treated San Juan-Chama River Water to a water reservoir; the West Valley pipeline project will provide the following benefits:

- Improved streetscape on Campbell Road with landscaping bump-outs
- Colored curb and gutter on Campbell Road to complement existing architecture
- Upsized water supply and fire protection line on Campbell Road, plus new water meters
- Crosswalk in Rio Grande Boulevard at Campbell Road
- Asphalt-paved trail beginning at the Bosque entrance from Campbell Road, continuing east along Campbell Road along the north curb, and paralleling Griegos and Alameda drains all the way to Second Street

Eastside Pipeline

Crews are currently working on Singer Blvd. between Office Blvd. and Jefferson Blvd., as well as in the right-of-way between Jefferson Blvd. and the freeway west of I-25 and in one lane of the southbound I-25 frontage road. All work *west* of I-25 is scheduled to be completed by late December. Crews will then jump across the freeway to Osuna Road, and install pipeline along the south side of Osuna from the northbound I-25 frontage road to San Mateo, then tunnel under San Mateo, and continue laying pipeline down the south

side of Osuna until it crosses over to a connection point at the Arroyo del Oso Golf Course. Work *east* of I-25 is scheduled to begin in late December and last through May 2006.

East Valley Pipeline

Crews are continuing their work on Edith Boulevard between Rankin Road and Comanche/Griegos this month and will continue north on Edith through February or March of 2006. Traffic is being maintained with one lane in each direction, but can be delayed in either direction when crews are moving heavy equipment. By early of December, the stretch of Edith from Industrial to Rankin Road is scheduled to be repaved.

Rio Grande Crossing Pipeline

Crews have completed the pipeline on Sequoia heading down the west bluff toward the Rio Grande River, and are now working in the River. Also, this month they are scheduled to connect the Rio Grande Crossing Pipeline to the Westside Pipeline on Sequoia near Alamogordo.

Westside Pipeline

This month, crews will begin laying pipeline west of Grogan to the Ladera Dam and will also connect the Westside Pipeline to the Rio Grande Crossing Pipeline on Sequoia near Alamogordo.

College Pipeline-Middle Segment

Early this month, work should be complete on the College Pipeline. The College Pipeline will then be connected to the South Segment pipeline, which was completed in November 2005.

Construction to Begin in 2006 on Two New Pipelines

Scheduled to be under construction in early 2006 are the **Leyendecker Pipeline**, which extends from San Pedro Drive and Arvilla Avenue to San Pedro Drive and Osuna Road. Also, in the spring of 2006, construction will begin on the Coronado Pipeline, which begins on Academy Road near the Arroyo del Oso golf course, proceeds east on Academy to McKinney, north on McKinney to Forest Hills Drive, west on Forest Hills to just east of the I-25 frontage road, north to Del Rey Avenue, east on Del Rey to San Pedro, north on San Pedro to Palomas, and east on Palomas to the Coronado Reservoir.

For More Information or to Schedule a Presentation

If you would like to schedule a presentation on the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project for your neighborhood or homeowners association, please call Patti Watson or Shannon Jackson at **293-2000**. For more information about the project, visit our website at <www.sjcdinkingwater.org>. If you would like to be added to our drinking water project information list, call **242-ROAD (242-7623)** or e-mail <pattiw@cooneywatson.com>.



Transit

ABQ Ride 2005 Luminaria Tour

Stay warm this holiday season with the City of Albuquerque and ABQ RIDE by viewing the luminaria displays and other holiday decorations in the Albuquerque Country Club, Old Town, Los Altos and Old Coors neighborhoods. This tour will take place on **one night only, Saturday, December 24, 2005.**

Tickets are now on sale. Tickets are \$5.00 per person, plus service charges. Children under 5 (age 4 and younger) who will not occupy their own bus seat will not need a ticket. People can purchase tickets at Ticketmaster Charge by Phone at **505-883-7800** or by logging onto their website at www.ticketmaster.com or www.cabq.gov/transit. For more information, call the ABQ RIDE Customer Service Center at **243-RIDE (7433).**

Each tour takes about an hour. *You must be in line to board 15 minutes before your tour time. You may board a bus or van (mobility impaired) only for the time printed on your ticket. Buses depart at 5:20 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 6:10 p.m., 6:50 p.m., and 7:15 p.m.*

The buses will depart from the UNM South Parking Lot on the southwest corner of Avenida Cesar Chávez and Buena Vista.



Tricentennial Update

Albuquerque Tricentennial
www.albuquerque300.org



Attention Neighborhood Associations!

The Tricentennial Committee announces a contest for the Tricentennial Festival of Illumination.

If your "recognized" neighborhood association will be participating, in an organized way and submit the total number of luminarias that your association is successful in displaying, therefore adding to Albuquerque's overall effort for a Guinness Book record on December 24, 2005, your association will be considered for a prize.

First prize:	\$1,500
Second prize:	\$1,000
Third prize:	\$ 500
Fourth prize:	\$ 250

To participate, you must complete and submit/return the **Luminaria Pledge Card** found on our website at <http://www.albuquerque300.org/index.aspx?pk=153&temp=28>

Registration Deadline:

Wednesday, December 21, 2005, 5 p.m.

The winner will be determined by the Office of Neighborhood Coordination in consultation with the Tricentennial Committee. If you have questions, contact Elaine Fiber, Chairman of the Festival of Illumination; email efiber@aol.com or phone at **263-1445.**



Albuquerque Fire Department

Submitted by Lieutenant Lynn Reule

**Bikes for Tyke's
500 Bicycles
For Needy Children**

*You are cordially invited to attend
Bikes for Tyke's give-away*

When: Saturday December 17, 2005

9:00 a.m. Helmet Fitting

10:00 a.m. News Conference

Where: Sam's Club, 10600 Coors Blvd. Bypass

The Rumble in Rio held on October 29, 2005 was a huge success. The boxing match between firefighters and cops yielded enough money to purchase **300 more bicycles** than last year. Please join us as we give the bikes to children, ages 3-12, who otherwise may not have one.

For more information contact **Lynn Reule 833-7302 or 934-8727.**



The City of Albuquerque does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, disability, age, gender, Vietnam Era or disabled veteran status, sexual orientation or medical condition in employment or in the provision of services.

If you have a disability and will need special assistance to benefit from any of the meetings, hearings or workshops, etc., appearing in this newsletter, contact the office sponsoring the event two weeks prior to the date of the meeting you plan to attend. When ever possible, TTY phone numbers will be listed. TTY users may call any phone number listed in this publication via Relay New Mexico at 1-800-659-8331.

Water Utility Department

Wastewater Utility Division

Submitted by Brynda Gutierrez

Fat Free Diet For The Sanitary Sewer System

'Tis the season for cooking many rich goodies, and what makes them rich is generally oil, butter, and/or shortening. Although these items are great in goodies they are detrimental to the sewer lines and the treatment process at the Southside Water Reclamation Plant (SWRP).

Grease and oils produced by cooking should not be poured down the drain; it hardens, plugs lines, and can cause sewer backups. Sewer backups can cause expensive damage to your home. Flushing grease with **hot water is not the solution**; grease is simply moved down the sewer pipes and may cause backups further down the sanitary sewer system. Grease also causes operational problems at the Southside Water Reclamation Plant (SWRP). The SWRP is not designed to treat cooking grease.

Options for Managing Used Cooking Grease Include:

For grease that hardens, pour grease into a heat resistant container with a heat resistant lid and dispose of with regular trash. Make sure the grease hardens before disposal into solid waste.

If you have grease or fat that does not harden, for example **from a deep fryer**, there are a few companies that take grease for recycling. Please call before taking the used grease to these companies:

AAA	345-396
American Waste Removal	344-0177

The sanitary sewer system belongs to all of us, and we are responsible for its health. Be a good neighbor, and implement a fat free diet for our sewer system. Please do not pour grease or any kinds of fat down the drain.

For more information: <<http://www.cabq.gov/p2>>



Interested in beautifying your neighborhood? The Clean City Division of the Solid Waste Management Department and the Office of Neighborhood Co-

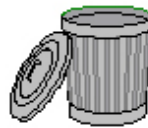
ordination of the Planning Department, have annual, **\$200 stipends** available to non-profit groups, such as neighborhood associations, Girls/Boys Scouts and individual APS campuses who wish to "Adopt An Area" within their vicinity. Call Clean Cities at **857-8060** for more information.

Solid Waste Department

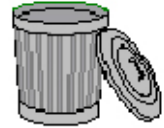
Keep Albuquerque Beautiful Funding Opportunity

Neighborhood Streetscape Grant
Application deadline - **March 3, 2006**

This grant provides funding to neighborhood associations, clubs or civic groups that are interested in improving an eyesore area with a beautification project. This grant aims to encourage community pride and responsibility. For an application or further information, please call KAB at **761-8334**.



Talkin' Trash Submitted by Tina Trekker



What better way to start the New Year than to make a commitment to enhance and maintain the beauty of Albuquerque. Mayor Martin J. Chávez encourages all neighborhood associations to participate in the annual Mayor's Spring Cleanup. Neighborhood Associations, Clubs, or Civic groups interested in improving their respective neighborhood's quality of life are asked to participate in Mayor's Spring Cleanup. This year the cleanup is scheduled for **Saturday, April 29, 2006**. If you are interested in participating, please contact Keep Albuquerque Beautiful at **761-8334**.

What does the cleanup involve you ask? Well you get to spend a beautiful Saturday morning out with your fellow civic conscious neighborhood associations. Keep Albuquerque Beautiful will provide trash bags. Refreshments for all the volunteers will be provided at the staging area and, it is a fun place to meet new people and really help with the ever-growing trash problem that is affecting our beautiful city.

If you have ever felt like recycling trash and neighborhood clean ups were not worth the time, then you are not far off from the way everyone else seems to feel about the environmental problem that faces our society.

More than **50%** of all Americans are not educated about the detrimental effects that littering has on our environment. Did you know that **75%** of all litters are men and that each American creates at least **4-5 pounds** of trash a day. Cigarettes butts are becoming the number one pollutant in the U.S. America accounts for more than **250 million cigarette butts** in the world, which, if you think of it on a global scale, there are more than **4.3 trillion cigarette butts** laying somewhere - on the side walk, on the street, in the public right-of-way, in storm sewers or off to the side of the road. Not only do they make a seemingly pleasant view look horrifically ugly, they carry chemicals that potentially leak into the ground, which in turn will eventually reach our water sources. Just a fun fact to get you thinking about the little things the might eventually save this earth.

If we take responsibility for our part in making our surroundings cleaner, aesthetically pleasing - the landscape will look different. On average there are **20,000,000 Hershey kisses** wrapped each day, using **133 square miles of tin foil**. This might sound irrelevant, but did you know that tin foil can actually be recycled? Think about that the next time you eat a kiss and throw the wrapper outside. On average you can walk down a 1 mile strip of highway and see about **1,457 pieces of litter**.

Everyday you can do your part in trying to help out with the growing litter problem - just open your eyes . . . then pick it up and dispose of properly.

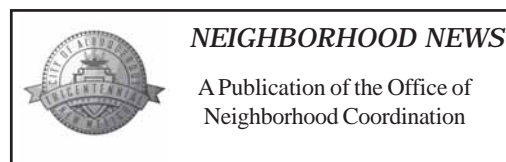


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